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ABSTRACT

A Nevada program under the auspices of the Western States Small Schools Project and aimed at providing "enjoyment" reading for small rurally disadvantaged schools is described in this report. Included in this program description are: (1) Introduction (a description of the rural, low-income, target population); (2) The Proposal (states that a collection of enjoyment reading books be placed in approximately 15 of Nevada's rurally deprived elementary schools); (3) Procedures (describes the formation of a committee of four to determine the target schools and assemble representative book titles as determined by the teachers in each school); (4) Table I (tabular data re: Nevada schools receiving books under the proposal together with amounts to be expended); (5) Table II (tabular data re: Nevada schools receiving books under the proposal together with actual and encumbered expenditures); (6) Map of Nevada Schools Receiving Books. The grant of $3,000 received from the Fund for the Advancement of Education in 1966 through the Western States Small Schools Project is described in the proposal as being used for books not to be accessioned to the library list and for books to be considered expendable, if lost. (JC)

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REPORT

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BOOKS FOR CHILDREN PROJECT

SUBMITTED TO

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BY

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Dayton Elem. School
Dayton, Nevada
October 28, 1966

Dr. John Scanlon
The Fund for Advancement of Ed.
477 Madison Ave.
New York City, New York

Dear Dr Scanlon,

Thank you for the many nice books. There are sixty-four children in our school We have school for children first through the eighth grade. We have a nice library room but very few books. Our grade has already read many of the books.

Yours truly,
The Fourth Grade

PREFACE

In 1966 the Western States Small Schools Project received a grant from the Fund for the Advancement of Education; the grant was for the purpose of placing books of a "fun" or "enjoyment" nature in the hands of youngsters who attend the smaller, more remote, elementary schools of the region served by the Western States Small Schools Project.

A report of the grant activities is included on subsequent pages. Perhaps the best type of reporting, however, is the letter which is used as a frontspiece. This letter was cooperatively written by the pupils of one elementary school, and typifies the response evoked in each Nevada school which was a recipient of a book collection.

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Carson City, Nevada
December 6, 1966

(FROM ORIGINAL PROPOSAL)

INTRODUCTION

Nevada is a state of many extremes and apparent contradictions. It is a state in which there are areas of intense growth and development, and it is a state in which are located some of the most desolate areas of the nation. It is a state in which the average per capita income is among the highest in the nation, and it is a state in which some eleven percent of the population have annual incomes of less than $3,000.00. It is a state in which are located some of the finest school facilities in the nation, and it is a state in which are located some of the smallest, most isolated, schools in the country. In short, there literally may be found in Nevada almost any kind of condition or situation: wealth or poverty; density of population or sparsity of population; irrigated valleys or desert wastelands; good schools or poor schools; advantaged youngsters or disadvantaged youth.

It is the latter - - - the disadvantaged youth - - - at whom this proposal is focused. In particuliar, this proposal is directed toward those who might be considered as being doubly disadvantaged in the sense that the youngsters in this group are located in remote areas, and they are by and large from very low income families.

PROPOSAL

With support in the form of a grant from the Fund for the Advancement of Education to the Western States Small Schools Project for Nevada, it is proposed that a collection of "enjoyment" reading books, be placed in approximately fifteen rural, deprived, elementary schools of the state.

PROCEDURE

A committee composed of Miss Flo Reed, Elementary Reading Consultant; Mr. Jack Clark, Elementary Social Studies Consultant; Mr. Robert Lloyd, English and Library Consultant; and Mr. David Jesser, Director for the Nevada WSSSP, has been formed. The functions of the committee are two-fold: First, it will determine those schools in which the needs and potential benefits are the greatest; Second, it will assemble representative book titles appropriate, in terms of individual school populations, to each school.

Because the intent of the proposal is to provide reading books for youngsters, and not to build up libraries, the committee will ascertain, by contracting school officials, that (1) the books will not be accessioned to the library list, and (2) that the books so donated will be considered (if lost) expendable. At the same time it should be noted that individual teachers will be encouraged to promote the widest possible distribution or circulation of the books. This does infer a reasonable amount of supervision.

Should the grant (as discussed previously) be received, the committee will place orders for the books, and will distribute them to the identified schools as soon as possible.

CURRENT STATUS

The State of Nevada, through the Western States Small Schools Project, received a grant of $3,000.00 from the Fund for the Advancement of Education. The grant was made on the basis of the proposal contained in the preceding sections.

REPORT OF GRANT FUND EXPENDITURES

Upon receipt of grant funds, the plan to acquire "enjoyment" books for children in rural schools of Nevada was implemented. The committee, as indicated in an earlier section, identified those schools as having the most need. From this identification, a base figure (based primarily upon the number of pupils) for book acquisition was determined. (See Table I)

Following the determination of need and amount by the committee, the local administrator responsible for each school was contacted and the grant explained. Each administrator was requested to prepare a list of books which, in the perceptions of the teacher, the pupils would enjoy. (The committee wanted to avoid any connotation of a "pre-selected" set of books being placed in schools.)

Upon receipt of book lists, the committee reviewed them, and, with minor modifications, the books, as requested, were ordered.

With fiscal procedures established by the State of Nevada in mind, it was determined that the most efficient procedure would be for the orders for books to be placed (on purchase orders) through the office of the Western States Small Schools Project, with the books delivered to the same office. (In utilizing this procedure, it was felt that uniform accounting procedures could be followed.)

With the above plan in mind, orders were placed during the summer months, and upon receipt of the books, deliveries to individual schools were made.

As of this writing some schools have received all of the books requested, while two (Montello and Ruby Valley) have not yet received any.

In the latter instance the supplier has back ordered the entire shipment. Still other schools have received most of the requested books, with some (minor numbers) having been back ordered.

In any event the monies, in the amounts indicated in Table I, have been encumbered for the purposes of this project. Actual expenditures (per school) as of this writing are shown in the following Table II.

TABLE I

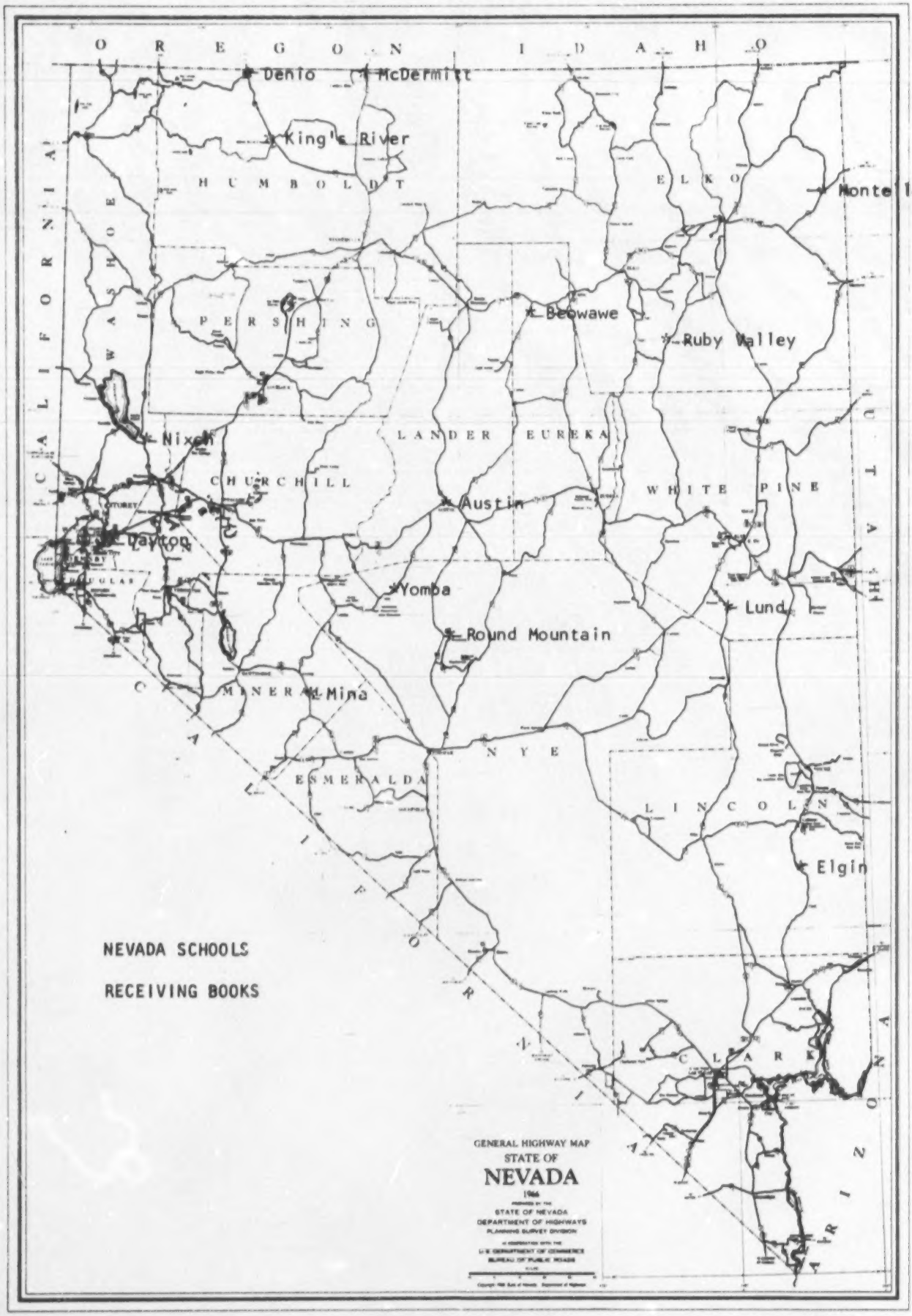
Nevada schools receiving books under this proposal, together with amounts to be expended, are listed below.

Round Mountain	$ 162.47
McDermitt	278.13
Mina	177.82
Denio	176.77
Elgin	83.26
Ruby Valley	178.50
Montello	178.50
Kings River	176.26
Austin	166.41
Lund	266.01
Nixon	140.16
Dayton	256.74
Yomba	157.78
Beowawe	253.42
	$ 2,652.23
Shipping and Handling	347.77
TOTAL	$ 3,000.00

TABLE II

Nevada schools receiving books under this proposal, together with expenditures (actual and encumbered) are shown below.

	Expended	Encumbered
Round Mountain	$ 129.46	$ 56.01
McDermitt	233.74	69.40
Mina	123.23	79.59
Denio	104.54	97.23
Elgin	69.18	39.08
Ruby Valley		178.50
Montello		178.50
King's River	162.27	38.99
Austin	86.79	104.62
Lund	156.03	134.98
Nixon	152.39	
Dayton	167.63	114.11
Yomba	104.84	77.94
Beowawe	253.42	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Denio
McDermitt
King's River
HUMBOLDT
ELKO
Montello
CALIFORNIA
WASHOE
PERSHING
Beowawe
Ruby Valley
Nixon
LANDER
EUREKA
CHURCHILL
WHITE PINE
Austin
Dayton
Yomba
Lund
Round Mountain
MINERAL
Mina
NYE
ESMERALDA
LINCOLN
Elgin
NEVADA SCHOOLS
RECEIVING BOOKS
CLARK
ARIZONA
GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
STATE OF
NEVADA
1966
STATE OF NEVADA
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
PLANNING SURVEY DIVISION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS